

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

FORT McCLELLAN, ALABAMA

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1 MR. PENN WILSON: We'll call this
2 organization to order. Let's see, guests.

3 MR. JEROME ELSEY: This is my wife,
4 Jean. She's just a guest today.

5 MR. PENN WILSON: Y'all bear with
6 me. Bear with my voice, too.

7 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Sure. This is
8 the first time since you got drafted.

9 MR. PENN WILSON: I got drafted.
10 The roll -- call to order and roll call. Okay.
11 Mr. Bolton?

12 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I'm here.

13 MR. PENN WILSON: Ms. Bragg?

14 Mr. Buford?

15 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Here.

16 MR. PENN WILSON: Mr. Burgett?

17 MR. PHILLIP BURGETT: Here.

18 MR. PENN WILSON: Mr. Clendenin?

19 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Here.

20 MR. PENN WILSON: Dr. Cox is
21 off-line, is not here.

22 Mr. Elser?

23 MR. JEROME ELSEY: Here.

1 MR. PENN WILSON: Mr. Hall?
2 Dr. Harrington? Mr. Howard?
3 MR. GENE HOWARD: Here.
4 MR. PENN WILSON: Dr. Kimberly?
5 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: Here.
6 MR. PENN WILSON: Mr. Kimbrough?
7 Mr. Miller? Mr. Nelson?
8 MR. BUDDY NELSON: Here.
9 MR. PENN WILSON: Mr. John Pearce?
10 Dr. John Spain?
11 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Here.
12 MR. PENN WILSON: Dr. Steffy?
13 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: He's
14 excused.
15 MR. PENN WILSON: Excused, I'm
16 sorry.
17 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: That's okay.
18 MR. PENN WILSON: And let's see,
19 Karen Pinson?
20 MS. KAREN PINSON: Here.
21 MR. PENN WILSON: Ron Grant?
22 MR. RON GRANT: Here.
23 MR. PENN WILSON: Michelle Klomp?

1 MS. MICHELLE KLOMP: Here.

2 MR. PENN WILSON: Brandi Little?

3 MS. BRANDI LITTLE: Here.

4 MR. PENN WILSON: Doyle Brittain?

5 Okay. Now, any guests?

6 MS. LISA HOLSTEIN: Lisa Holstein,
7 Fort McClellan Transition Force.

8 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM:
9 Brenda Cunningham, Transition Force.

10 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY:
11 Anthony O'Shaughnassey, Matrix Environmental.

12 MR. PENN WILSON: Thank you.

13 MR. ROGER HALL: And Roger Hall with
14 Matrix Environmental.

15 MR. JEROME ELSEER: And this is my
16 wife, Jean Elser. She's just a concerned citizen.

17 MR. PENN WILSON: Thank you. Is
18 that it on guests?

19 MRS. HALL: I'm Roger's wife. I'm
20 just a guest.

21 MR. PENN WILSON: Now it's time for
22 the approval of the minutes from January 2009. Has
23 everyone had a chance to look over the minutes?

1 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: Make a motion
2 we approve the minutes.

3 MR. PENN WILSON: We have a motion
4 to approve the minutes. Do we have a second?

5 MR. JEROME ELSEY: Second.

6 MR. PENN WILSON: And we have a
7 second. All in favor, please, raise your hand.

8 Thank you. The motion carries.

9 And old business.

10 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: For the
11 record, Mr. Miller just entered and Mr. Pearce.

12 MR. PENN WILSON: Okay.

13 We're on the agenda with the point
14 of old business. Have anything?

15 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: No.

16 MR. PENN WILSON: We'll drive on.
17 And we're at the programs.

18 MS. MICHELLE KLOMP: Matrix was
19 asked to give a quick technical briefing on the
20 munitions and explosives of concern cleanup process
21 and just a little bit of awareness about MEC. Rather
22 than me talking about it, the environmental engineer
23 that I am, we've brought our QA manager, and

1 (inaudible), Tony O'Shaughnassey, the gentleman in
2 orange behind us. He's going to give you a briefing
3 on UXO ordnance.

4 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: How you
5 guys doing today. My name is Anthony O'Shaughnassey.
6 I work for Matrix Environmental. I'm the UXO QA
7 manager for the site.

8 The mouse is not working.

9 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Just click.

10 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: I
11 apologize for my appearance, but my wife doesn't let
12 me wear my eating britches to work, so this is what I
13 get.

14 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Just tell me
15 and I'll --

16 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: All
17 right. We're going to go over a little bit of what
18 UXO is, and basically, give a UXO safety class that I
19 give to most of the people that show up here. So,
20 this will be down and dirty and real quick.

21 So, go ahead and advance it. Brief
22 site history.

23 Talks about Fort McClellan a little

1 bit. I won't get into the history. Everybody knows
2 the history, so we'll skip that part. It's a fort and
3 there's bombs, so --

4 What is UXO? Basically, UXO is any
5 munition or explosive that have been dropped,
6 projected, thrown, somehow wound up down range
7 somewhere, and for whatever reason, either by design
8 or by accident, they failed to function as they were
9 designed to do.

10 It also includes discarded military
11 munitions that, at the end of the day, they didn't
12 want to go back to the ASP to drop off their stuff
13 properly, so they buried it, or for whatever reason,
14 it just wound up somewhere where it wasn't supposed to
15 be.

16 It includes all kinds of stuff,
17 rockets, grenades, land mines, bombs, traditional and
18 non-traditional explosives, bulk explosives, as well.

19 MR. GENE HOWARD: Has there been an
20 incident since this program started? I know there
21 hasn't been a fatality. That anyone has been injured,
22 accidentally?

23 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: On this

1 site?

2 MR. GENE HOWARD: Yeah.

3 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Not to
4 my knowledge, no.

5 MR. GENE HOWARD: That's a testament
6 of what you're doing.

7 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Yes,
8 sir. Yeah, nobody's been hurt, and we haven't had any
9 incidents, as far as any kind of explosives or
10 ordnance, at all.

11 MR. GENE HOWARD: Speaks well of
12 what you're doing.

13 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Thank
14 you, sir.

15 How does this affect everybody? Not
16 only the people here, but civilian population, and
17 everything else?

18 Because of the fact that there are
19 so many different types of UXO here and there are just
20 vast quantities of UXO, it impacts everybody.

21 Also, UXO items, they may be hard to
22 identify. Not all UXO items look like the traditional
23 bomb or bullet.

1 You can see some of the items here.

2 Some of these are items that we have found here on
3 base, others are other UXO items we found in other
4 places.

5 The top item up here, (pointing),
6 it's an incendiary bomb, four pound incendiary bomb.
7 It looks like a water pipe. They come in varying
8 lengths, but if you just got a little section of it
9 sticking out of the ground, it will look just like a
10 water pipe. Somebody might come along and kick it,
11 disturb it, throw a rock at it or whatever. And it
12 contains about four pounds thermite. So, very bad day
13 for somebody.

14 Next slide. I'll go over some
15 sample UXO items. I'll tell you which ones have been
16 found here and then which ones haven't.

17 So, I think 99 percent of all the
18 ones I'm going to show you today have all been UXO
19 items that we have found here on this base.

20 The first one's a thirty-seven
21 millimeter. This is your traditional bullet.
22 Thirty-seven millimeters in diameter, come in varying
23 lengths.

1 They also come with varying fillers.
2 Some have black powder. Some have high explosives.
3 Some are just training rounds that are just big hunks
4 of metal. Some of them just have tracer rounds in
5 them.

6 Next slide. Forty millimeter
7 grenade. These get into more dangerous type of stuff,
8 just because the intricacy of the fusing.

9 As munitions developed, so did
10 fusing. So, once you get more involved design in the
11 fusing, sometimes they fail to function properly and
12 also presents a greater hazard, because it could be
13 more sensitive than some of the other older munitions.

14 Forty millimeter grenades here.
15 Also come with varying fillers. Even the practice
16 ones, they have an orange dye in it, which is a
17 carcinogen. So, you got to watch out for stuff like
18 that.

19 They also have high explosive
20 fillers, smoke fillers, candles, illumination rounds,
21 things of that nature.

22 4.2 inch mortar. Just like the big
23 mortar you see in the movies, they plunk it down the

1 tube and it launches down range.

2 Also, the larger, generally, the
3 munition, the more different types of fillers that you
4 can put inside of it. One of the nastier fillings
5 that goes in this is a white phosphorous.

6 White phosphorous burns on contact
7 with air. It doesn't require any ignition source or
8 anything of that nature. It just comes in contact
9 with oxygen and starts burning.

10 So, it could lay underground for
11 forty, fifty, a hundred years. Somebody comes along
12 and kicks it, for whatever reason, and it'll start
13 burning again. So, that's one of the nasty things
14 associated with that.

15 Rifle grenades, again, different
16 types of fillers. You can see here, there is a high
17 explosive NE (phonetic) tank. Contains a shake charge
18 in it.

19 The next one over is illumination.
20 The one on the far -- would be your far right -- is a
21 practice one. There is no filler on the inside of it.

22 You can see a couple of the ones
23 down here. The smoke streamers and things like that,

1 just -- it's smoke grenade launched down range.

2 When they first developed the rifle
3 grenades, it wasn't a real rifle grenade. All they
4 did was took a regular hand grenade -- you can see on
5 the bottom right hand corner, it's a regular hand
6 grenade with an adapter attached to it -- and they
7 would pull the spoon -- or pull the pin out of the
8 spoon.

9 And there was a little clip on it.
10 And they would just put a blank or a bullet in
11 there -- it had a bullet trap -- and launch it down
12 range. A regular hand grenade, so --

13 Next slide. Hundred and five
14 millimeter projectile. We found a couple of these
15 here. The ones that we've found here did -- were full
16 of high explosive rounds.

17 It had -- I think they're seven
18 pounds of composition B (phonetic) in there. So, it's
19 a pretty big round. Makes a really big boom.

20 When we find something that big, we
21 have to do what's called sandbag mitigation. Takes a
22 little bit longer to get rid of, but there is a lot --
23 we have to put a lot of sandbags on top, just to keep

1 the fragmentation, the noise, and all that kind of
2 thing from injuring other people.

3 Sixty millimeter mortar. Again,
4 like the 4.2 inch mortar, just a little bit small.
5 Different types of fuses.

6 You'll see on this first one here,
7 the fusing is electronic fuse. That came up later.
8 That one's called a variable time or a proximity fuse.

9 Instead of hitting the ground, it
10 has a radar on the front of it. It senses whatever
11 predetermined height that they want it to go off at,
12 and it will detonate above the ground, via radar,
13 so --

14 Next slide. Eighty-one millimeter
15 mortar. Just like the sixty and 4.2 inch, just a
16 little bit different size.

17 Ninety millimeter projectile, like
18 the 105, just different size, again. All these things
19 we found here, too, by the way.

20 So, 2.36 inch rocket. Different
21 types of these. Different types of fillers, again.

22 There was one section over here, we
23 called it Rocket City. It's over by MRS 3. When EODT

1 (phonetic) was -- back in 2000, 2001, EODT spent six
2 months in one hundred by hundred foot grid. They
3 pulled fifteen thousand of these rockets out of one
4 hundred foot square.

5 So, there's a lot of these. And
6 these are scattered all over the place, as well. That
7 was one place that we had a particular concentration,
8 high concentration of rockets. So, they're out there.

9 3.5 inch rocket, same thing as 2.36,
10 little bit bigger.

11 Next slide.

12 These are the incendiary bombs I was
13 telling you about. They come in three different
14 flavors; four pound, six pound, and ten pound
15 incendiary. They're dropped from aircraft -- which in
16 everything that we looked up, there was no aircraft
17 that bombed out here. So, how they got out here, I
18 don't know.

19 But they're dropped from an aircraft
20 in a cluster. When the cluster gets to a
21 pre-determined height in the air, the cluster bursts
22 open and scatters these munitions everywhere.

23 I think it was a Doolittle

1 (phonetic) raid -- anybody ever heard of that? World
2 War II.

3 MR. PENN WILSON: Yeah.

4 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: They
5 used these things here. Burned down a whole bunch of
6 places.

7 Next slide.

8 Small arms ammunition. This is your
9 bullet. This is the one they fired everywhere. And
10 these are all over the place.

11 Doesn't really present much of a
12 hazard, except for lead. A lot of people are
13 concerned about that. So, there is lead all over the
14 place.

15 Next slide.

16 All right. So, what do I do now?
17 Now that I found something or think that I found
18 something that is a potential UXO, what do I do?

19 Next slide.

20 There is three rules for UXO safety;
21 recognize that you have a threat; retreat from the
22 area; and report to the proper authorities what you
23 have found.

1 Next slide.

2 What you do when you recognize a
3 threat. You realize that you have a potential problem
4 here. It's a UXO, potential UXO. You're not really
5 sure what it is, but you know it's not normal to be
6 there. You recognize that threat.

7 There is a little caution down here
8 that sends some people crazy. Do not operate cell
9 phones or radios around UXO. Because of the fact that
10 some UXO contain electronic fusing, keying up your
11 radio could induce an electromagnetic current through
12 the electronic fusing. Could. The chances of it
13 happening are not very high, but it could.

14 Next slide.

15 Retreat from the area. Try to
16 follow the same footsteps that led you into the area
17 back out of the area. Think of it, same thing as a
18 mine field; if you walk through the middle of the mine
19 field, chances are you didn't step on a land mine.

20 So, if you follow the same footsteps
21 out, the chances are you're not going to hit the
22 same -- any land mine on the way back out. So, just
23 try to follow the same footsteps in -- or out, that

1 led you into there.

2 Note any landmarks or any kind of
3 vegetation, big rock, huge tree, there was somebody
4 parked a car beside it, whatever. And that will help
5 when you -- go to the next slide -- that will help
6 when you report the hazard to local bomb squad,
7 sheriff's department, police department, fire
8 department, Matrix, whoever. When you report it,
9 they'll get a better idea of where the item's at.

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10             And next slide.  All right, any
11 questions?
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12 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: To your
13 knowledge, was there ever any ordnances dropped from
14 airplanes out on the range?

15 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: To my
16 knowledge, never.

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: The reason I
18 ask is because I've gone on Google Earth and have
19 looked at some of the sites up on Morton Hill and
20 Skeleton Mountain, and there is a picture of a
21 military airplane with a big bubble nose. It almost
22 looks like one of these radar zappers, you know.

23 But it's an interesting picture, and

1 it's an interesting anomaly beside it. And I was just
2 wondering if it was making a low pass bombing raid up
3 on the mountain range.

4 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: That
5 would be new to me. I haven't --

6 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Google Earth
7 caught it. And it's interesting. If you go there,
8 look at it. It's on -- it's right near Morton Hill on
9 South Ridgeline Road.

10 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: I will
11 definitely check that out.

12 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: It's
13 interesting.

14 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: I
15 haven't heard anything. We found a helicopter out
16 here. I don't know how that got here.

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: It's the
18 strangest looking military plane I've seen. And
19 it's -- it's got -- it's probably a reflection, but
20 there's -- looks like there is two of them. But one
21 of them looks like it's made out of crystal like, you
22 know, Wonder Woman flew, you know. Weird.

23 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: If I

1 find it, can I keep it?

2 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I don't know.
3 It's on the internet.

4 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: I will
5 definitely check that out.

6 Anymore questions?

7 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Has anything been
8 found out here that was not an explosive-type device,
9 but had some other agent in it or some other payload?

10 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Like a
11 chemical round or --

12 MR. JOHN SPAIN: Yeah.

13 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: The RCWM is --
14 what we have found are what's called CAIS kits,
15 chemical agent identification sets. And certainly,
16 they have been pretty well publicized in the paper.
17 And I guess I've had the misfortune to be involved
18 with, I guess, the last four or five of them.

19 Thus far, that's all we've found.
20 We've not found any full-up rounds, anything along
21 those lines. We're not Camp Seibert, thank God.

22 MR. PENN WILSON: A question I have.

23 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Yes,

1 sir.

2 MR. PENN WILSON: It may have been
3 answered. We might have been briefed on it. But, you
4 know, we just meet every three months.

5 The question I have, is there a
6 tabulation made of the different munitions that you
7 find laid out in a table --

8 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: We do
9 have a data base of every item that we have found that
10 required demo. As far as like how many stokes we
11 found, how many seventy-five millimeter shrapnel, how
12 many 3.8 shrapnel, yes, there is a data base that
13 contains all that.

14 MR. PENN WILSON: That was a
15 excellent presentation, by the way.

16 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Thank
17 you.

18 MR. PENN WILSON: When you lay all
19 that stuff out, to me, it's probably interesting to
20 the community, somewhere along the line, to be able to
21 know how many were found.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: We

1 could probably fill this room. There is quite a few.

2 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Fill that with
3 Rocket City.

4 MR. PENN WILSON: Yeah.

5 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Anymore
6 questions? Did you want me to go over the brief
7 overview?

8 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: What's the
9 total number -- pounds or numbers or what -- do you
10 know how much you disposed of since you came here?

11 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY:
12 Offhand, I don't have that number. I can tell you,
13 MRS 2, which is not on the map around here -- MRS 2,
14 three or four thousand items that we've blown up out
15 there. That's just ballpark. I don't have the
16 numbers in front of me, so --

17 We'll do a brief overview of what
18 the UXO process is, and then go from there. And then,
19 if anybody has any questions, feel free, at any time,
20 to ask me.

21 The first thing that usually
22 happens -- I can tell you what we're doing out here a
23 little bit, and kind of the general UXO field overall

1 what happens -- we usually have a archive search or a
2 site visit or something of that nature. They get into
3 the books and try to figure out where -- where the
4 ranges were. Where people went and shot things.

5 Which the military has been very
6 bad, in the old days, about not documenting where
7 things happened. Used to be, people'd just go outside
8 their barracks. Sergeant would take them down range,
9 about two or three miles away from the barracks, and
10 they would just go shoot up the mountains.

11 They got better later, as far as
12 documenting, okay, these guys went here. This is what
13 they shot. This is how many rounds went down range.
14 This is how many rounds we think didn't go off. So,
15 they have gotten better about that.

16 And that goes along with site prep
17 and all this stuff, the archive search and things of
18 that nature.

19 Sometimes they'll also do interviews
20 in the local community, people that were stationed out
21 here for ten, twenty, thirty years. Say, hey, you
22 were stationed out here, sir. What do you know about
23 the area and what did -- what do you remember from

1 when you were out here training. They'll ask
2 questions like that.

3 Once you get all past that stuff,
4 for a site prep, they'll come out and usually hire a
5 survey company, and they'll come in and survey the
6 borders of where exactly they want cleaned up, and
7 then they'll survey the interiors into a hundred foot
8 section. We call them grids. It's a hundred by
9 hundred foot square. And surveyors will come in and
10 do that.

11 We'll hire brush cutters or some
12 type of grubbing company, land clearer. They'll come
13 out and clear trees, underbrush and vegetation, up to
14 a certain diameter, say, you know, four inches, six
15 inches, depending on what they want to keep.

16 Some places they clear cut, say,
17 hey, we're going to put a highway through here. We
18 don't need the trees. Just take them out in the
19 beginning. So, they'll come through and do that.

20 After the land clearing is done,
21 they'll hire a geophysical company. A (inaudible)
22 Geophysics is out here doing it for us.

23 And they'll come in and map it.

1 Basically, what that is, it's a digital mapping of the
2 ground. Looks for metallic anomalies. And it records
3 it.

4 So, there is nice, pretty maps. I'm
5 sure some of you guys have seen them. They'll have
6 red and pink and blue, and you know, the -- it'll have
7 a color chart on there, as far as how hot a metallic
8 signature that area has.

9 Once the mapping is done, a
10 reacquired (phonetic) team will come out and say,
11 okay, here in this spot right here we put a little
12 flag. Dig this hole within an area and tell us what
13 you get out of it.

14 And that's when the UXO teams will
15 come in. And they'll excavate each individual target
16 and report back and do a PDA. The data base you were
17 asking about, as far as what we pulled out of there,
18 whether it was MEC scrap, munitions and explosives of
19 concern, or non MEC scrap.

20 Some guy wrecked a car and left the
21 tire there. You know, we've found things like that.
22 And that will all go into the data base.

23 Once it's excavated, we do a quality

1 control, quality assurance process on it, and make
2 sure that the contractor is doing their job.

3 And after that, then it goes into
4 the paperwork phase. And there is all kinds of stuff
5 that goes into that. So -- and that's where we're on
6 MRS 1, southern alpha. So, that's basically it in a
7 very, very quick nutshell.

8 Any questions?

9 MR. PENN WILSON: Any questions from
10 anyone?

11 MR. ANTHONY O'SHAUGHNASSEY: Thank
12 you for your time.

13 MR. PENN WILSON: Thank you very
14 much.

15 ADEM.

16 MS. BRANDI LITTLE: In your packet
17 there is a two-sided sheet for the ADEM activities for
18 this quarter. The documents that we've received are
19 on the front and part of the back. And on the back
20 are the completed reviews and the meetings, conference
21 calls, trainings that we've had that pertain to
22 Fort McClellan.

23 I'm trying to think. The only

1 document I can think of that was -- I guess the most
2 major one was the work plan for the remedial action in
3 the Charlie area that Army submitted. That's all I
4 know.

5 MR. PENN WILSON: Is that about it
6 for ADEM? Does anyone have any questions for ADEM?
7 Dr. Spain?

8 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Should the
9 legislation not pass, as far as the creation of the
10 MDA, how will this affect us from an overall land
11 transfer perspective?

12 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: From a land
13 transfer?

14 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Well, from any --

15 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Well, as it
16 stands right now, obviously, the county was the
17 recipient of whatever land the JPA owned, at the time.
18 Obviously, they have sold and disposed of some of the
19 land that they got from the Army.

20 As far as remaining Army acreage
21 property that hasn't been transferred, you're only
22 looking at about three hundred and eleven acres. And
23 then two sixty-six of that, it goes to ALDOT.

1 Then a decision would have to be
2 made. The county could make that decision. The only
3 reason the county did not opt to -- there is
4 twenty-four acres that Jim and I are very familiar
5 with. And we talked to the county about that
6 twenty-four acres. 23.95 will go to Anniston Water
7 Works & Sewer Board.

8 And the county, because the
9 legislation -- the legislation, I guess, had passed
10 the house, at that point. It hadn't hit the senate,
11 yet.

12 And so the county said, rather than
13 go through them -- them being the end recipient of
14 the -- we had the deeds ready to go. -- rather than
15 them being the end recipient, they asked that they
16 wait 'till -- that we wait until the legislation gets
17 it passed.

18 So, it would revert, I would guess,
19 back to the county. So, I don't know that it would
20 have any -- it would be a burden for the county,
21 but -- as far as the ability to transfer the remainder
22 of the property, stuck (phonetic) to the end
23 recipient. I don't know that it would change from our

1 perspective.

2 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Will the failure to
3 be able to pass the legislation have any kind of
4 adverse impact on any of the operations here?

5 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Probably not,
6 because there is an Army agreement that would be
7 counted, regarding funding the efforts -- funding the
8 work that Matrix and MDA Matrix is doing. So, I
9 don't -- I don't think it will.

10 MR. PENN WILSON: Any of you other
11 ladies and gentlemen have any questions for ADEM?

12 How about EPA?

13 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I don't think we
14 have EPA here.

15 MR. PENN WILSON: No EPA here.
16 We'll just drive on.

17 National Guard?

18 MS. KAREN PINSON: Okay. You have
19 something in your packet about activities at -- out on
20 Pelham Range. Essentially, ranges J, K and the former
21 toxic gas area, and the contamination south of the
22 toxic gas area.

23 Those areas were former chemical

1 training areas. And so, range J and K are further
2 along in investigations. And we've got some
3 groundwater contamination defined in plumes out there.
4 And we are -- it's all entirely within the boundaries
5 of Pelham Range.

6 And so, we -- the Army's preparing
7 to do some underground injection of lactose to
8 remediate the groundwater at that site, at ranges J
9 and K.

10 And the other site, we're not as far
11 along in the investigation. So, we're just in the
12 remedial investigation phase of the former toxic gas
13 area.

14 MR. JIM MILLER: Did you say
15 lactose?

16 MS. KAREN PINSON: Right.

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Is that kind
18 of like a barium enema?

19 MS. KAREN PINSON: It's a -- what do
20 they call it? Anaerobic --

21 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Anaerobic, yes.

22 MS. KAREN PINSON: -- process to
23 assist the microbes that are in the soils to sort of

1 eat the contamination. The microbes would normally
2 get rid of the contamination, over years and years,
3 but this lactose is supposed to speed up the process.

4 MR. PENN WILSON: Kind of soup it
5 up. Okay.

6 MS. KAREN PINSON: Yes.

7 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: If not, they'll
8 take oxygen out of the water and it inhibits their --
9 because there is an anaerobic bug (phonetic). You get
10 into that kind of -- you just kind -- (inaudible)
11 landfill three. Didn't you have to use an anaerobic
12 process?

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We will be.

14 MR. PENN WILSON: Ms. Bragg is here.

15 Does anyone have any additional
16 questions for the National Guard Bureau? Does anyone
17 else have --

18 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Just a phrase.
19 What does volatile organic compound mean? Does that
20 mean an explosive?

21 MS. KAREN PINSON: No.

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: That it will
23 burn?

1 MS. KAREN PINSON: No, they're not.

2 Most of these things are chlorinated
3 compounds that we have out there. I can -- I could,
4 you know, tell you some of the names. You probably
5 don't want to hear them --

6 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: No.

7 MS. KAREN PINSON: -- things like
8 1-1, 2-2, tetrachloroethane, and you know,
9 Trichloroethylene, TCE. Those kinds of compounds.

10 No, they're not explosive.

11 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: But many of them
12 are -- many of them can be flammable, depending on the
13 concentration. I mean, it's -- you know, a lot of
14 them are solvents.

15 MS. MICHELLE KLOMP: Volatile
16 specifically just means that it prefers to be in the
17 air --

18 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Right.

19 MS. MICHELLE KLOMP: -- rather than
20 in water. So, if you come across water and you expose
21 it to air, it will volatilize into the air.

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I got it.

23 MR. PENN WILSON: If there are no

1 questions for the National Guard Bureau, go to MDA, as
2 far as agency reports.

3 MS. MICHELLE KLOMP: For our regular
4 report, for the most part, we've been working on our
5 routine monitoring and sampling for most of our sites.
6 We've been doing a lot of long-term remedial designs.
7 So, there have been no major milestones. We're just
8 basically working on longer term projects.

9 For our excitement, we're very close
10 to finishing MRS 2, which is on either side of
11 Iron Mountain Road, on the east side of the property
12 here. We'll be finishing that within the next week or
13 two, at least the fieldwork of it. We'll still have
14 some paperwork back at the office to do. That's one
15 site down.

16 On a more non-technical note, I
17 would like to take a moment to formally introduce
18 Roger Hall, the gentleman sitting to my left. He has
19 brilliantly joined -- decided to join Matrix.

20 He will be our new program manager
21 on-site. He's been with us for a couple of weeks now.
22 He will be replacing me.

23 I'll be heading back to our Colorado

1 offices. So, over the next couple of months, you'll
2 see the two of us running around a lot together. And
3 then he'll be flying solo some time in June.

4 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Welcome.

5 Sorry to see you go, but I can
6 understand.

7 MR. PENN WILSON: Anything for our
8 MDA? Further questions?

9 Welcome, Mr. Hall.

10 MR. ROGER HALL: Thank you.

11 MR. PENN WILSON: Now, the Army.

12 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Well, we've -- as
13 you can see by -- as you pulled into the parking lot,
14 we finally got some more activity going that's beyond
15 paperwork. See quite a few vehicles and so forth.
16 I'll point that out when we get there.

17 I'll just kind of go in order. The
18 Bravo area, which is the majority of the --
19 overwhelming, that was the property that was covered
20 under the last ESCA that Matrix and MDA were cleaning
21 up, there is still a little piece of it, which is the
22 ten-acre piece that comes off of the parkway, I guess,
23 as we call it now, eastern bypass, as we used to call

1 it -- that will link up with the Iron Mountain Road,
2 which would be ultimately the MDA or county industrial
3 road.

4 And so, we're waiting for -- to
5 provide construction support, as necessary and so
6 forth, depending on when ALDOT starts their
7 construction, in the bypass, itself.

8 The property hasn't -- some of you
9 read in the paper -- the bypass, itself, the property,
10 that the final deeds have not been transferred over.
11 They found a couple of hiccups. They've got those
12 resolved with the Federal Highway Administration, and
13 so, I think, again, it shouldn't delay the project
14 any, at all. But those of you that have read that in
15 the paper.

16 And I guess Matrix has got
17 some -- you're doing work under ALDOT contract,
18 correct?

19 MS. MICHELLE KLOMP: We are.

20 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: They're doing
21 some geophysical mapping and so forth in that ten-acre
22 parcel under contract with ALDOT, which is separate
23 and distinct from us.

1 The Charlie area, which is
2 the -- comprises the bulk of the Fish & Wildlife
3 Refuge, Mountain Longleaf Wildlife Refuge, which is
4 where the majority of the Army -- remaining Army
5 responsibility is, we've got a couple of things going
6 on in there; one is the Charlie EE/CA, which is an
7 engineering evaluation and cost analysis -- which you
8 can look at that as kind of an investigation -- we
9 have met with ADEM several times and decided -- they
10 felt like there was some data gaps, some additional
11 information that they needed. And so, we've had
12 several discussions about -- and comments back and
13 forth and so forth. And we've agreed to conduct some
14 supplemental sampling in the area, to close down some
15 of the data gaps and so forth.

16 And the -- what we call performance
17 work statement, in other words, the contracting piece
18 of it is underway as we speak. The contract has not
19 yet been awarded, so forth. But we hope to hit the
20 field with that effort some time in the next several
21 months.

22 Probably the -- you see all the
23 activity associated the last week or two here is the

1 next item, next bullet down, where we're talking about
2 the Charlie area removal action. And we've briefed
3 that some at this last meeting.

4 We've got several areas -- we've
5 received some supplemental funding back in last
6 summer, almost two years ago. And so very quickly,
7 you can thank Lisa for this -- she managed to get it
8 obligated. And the Corps got it under contract pretty
9 quickly, so that we could do a MEC removal in several
10 different areas.

11 Now, the work that we do in the
12 Fish & Wildlife stuff we do in conjunction with
13 Fish & Wildlife's priorities, too. So, there's always
14 kind of a trade-off there. Which is sometimes, you
15 know, what they need done for their priority, as they
16 see their future use, we may say, well, practically,
17 we'd rather do it this way, so we can get to the lead,
18 so -- but they've been very good to work with.

19 But at any rate, a contract was
20 awarded for approximately a hundred and thirty-four
21 acres back in October. And what we decided to do is
22 we needed to do the -- the typical problem that we
23 have out here, is you hear about the MEC, munitions,

1 explosives and constituents of concern, such as UXO
2 and so forth -- you've got to clear that before you
3 can address any potential underlying, what we refer to
4 a lot of times as HTRW or hazardous waste issues.

5 The underlying issues typically, in
6 the refuge area, tend to be lead in the small arms
7 ranges. And so, that -- that and some other
8 associated metals that typically are associated with
9 small arms bullets, you know, zinc, antimony, lead,
10 copper.

11 A lot of these things happened to be
12 jacketed rounds. So, they get out there -- while
13 lead, itself, sitting out in the weather doesn't leach
14 all that well, once you combine it with some of these
15 other metals, it's like, you know, you said, you get a
16 lot of reactions, and have these lovely little -- look
17 like little mini batteries, (inaudible), they're a
18 little more leachable. So, that's where you get a lot
19 of the concern about the lead, that it has potential
20 to leach into other media.

21 So, anyway, what we did is we got
22 with Fish & Wildlife and we targeted some areas where
23 we needed to do -- where we were hoping to get in and

1 do lead removal, as well, and decided to try and get
2 the MEC removal in those areas consistent with what
3 they needed.

4 Another priority area for us was
5 along Bains Gap Road, as well. A lot of you remember
6 to open the road to the public, we, and then JPA, in
7 their respective areas of responsibility, did a two
8 hundred foot clearance from the center line of the
9 road, MEC removal action, to get things open for the
10 public.

11 So, what we're going to do now, in
12 our piece of it -- and they've already hit their
13 areas, previously -- is that we're going to go ahead
14 and clean up along the Bains Gap Road, as one of the
15 sites that we're doing here.

16 So, that brings me to a point that I
17 want to make sure everybody here understands. What
18 that will require is it will require part-time
19 closure, during the day, of Bains Gap Road.

20 And we decided to kind of jump on
21 that project, as soon as we could, for a couple of
22 reasons. Why? Well, mostly, because when we got the
23 initial clearance and got the road open, we told

1 everybody, now, you realize this is something of a
2 temporary measure. We will probably have to close the
3 road to do a more definitive cleanup some time in the
4 future. And we figured we would strike while the iron
5 was still hot and some people still actually
6 remembered that. We figure if we wait another two
7 years, perhaps that memory would be even more gone.

8 So, to that end, that will happen.
9 So, what will happen is, basically, from the hours of
10 8:30 in the morning, until 3:30 in the afternoon,
11 Monday through Friday, beginning May -- what did I
12 say, 4th or 5th, whatever that Monday is.

13 MS. LISA HOLSTEIN: I think it was
14 May 3rd -- May 5th.

15 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: May 5th, the
16 first Monday in May. Yeah, I should remember that.
17 My mother's birthday is that Saturday.

18 So, beginning May 5th, running
19 Monday through Friday, through July 3rd, potentially,
20 the road will have just partial closures. That's
21 Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 5:30 -- I mean, 3:30,
22 excuse me. 8:30 to 1530.

23 So, we will be putting up some

1 fairly large signs. That's one of the things that
2 made me late to this meeting -- I apologize --
3 Don Welch and I were discussing the signage. And that
4 will be going up, probably, some time next week.

5 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: It will be
6 open some hours, early and late?

7 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Correct. It will
8 be open late to get commuters through and out, and
9 then to get commuters out.

10 Now, if you have a 9:00 o'clock
11 doctor's appointment and you come through at
12 8:00 o'clock from over there, well, you're probably
13 stuck, and going to have to go around to get home or
14 vice versa, if you're going home in the middle of the
15 day. But for commuters and so forth, it should work.
16 Yeah.

17 I met -- this morning I met with
18 Mayor Robinson and subsequently met with folks from
19 the county, and actually Robin Scott was at that
20 meeting, as well. So, that's -- yeah.

21 The alternatives are, if you shrink
22 the hours, you increase your cost, and you'll extend
23 your time that you have to do it or whatever. So, we

1 kind of -- this is kind of about as good a mix as we
2 could find, where you could still do some -- have some
3 efficiency, in terms of your work, in terms of your
4 cleanup, and at the same time, you know, provide
5 access to those that need to come back and forth
6 across it. And, of course, our agenda is to be out of
7 Dodge before soccer season, if possible, rather than
8 face the wrath of the soccer moms east of the
9 mountains, White Plains.

10 So, that will be something
11 significant you'll see. You'll start seeing public
12 announcements in the paper, probably on the radio and
13 so forth.

14 MR. PENN WILSON: Do a press
15 release.

16 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Yes. We'll also
17 put two fairly large signs -- we'll put one probably
18 at the intersection of Bains Gap Road and Choccolocco
19 on the east side of the mountains. Because once
20 you -- once you make the turn, you're pretty well
21 committed. You know, the canyon narrows, as you get
22 up to the gate. So, want to make sure people know.
23 So we'll have signs announcing that.

1 And then the other sign here on the
2 installation will probably be at the gate, right there
3 at Iron Mountain Road and Bains Gap, because you can
4 always hook a left there.

5 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Will you
6 really emphasize that it's going to be a short-term
7 project? I mean, will that be one of the --

8 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Yeah. I mean,
9 we're going to put all the information I just gave
10 literally on these signs. These are going to be like
11 four-by-eight signs, with letters yea big.

12 Now, how many people read past
13 Bains Gap Road closed, I -- you know, I no longer
14 predict what people will do, other than anything that
15 pops into their head.

16 So, anyway -- but that was -- I
17 wanted everybody to be kind of aware of that, in case
18 you get phone calls or whatever. And I figured it
19 would be better that we announced it here, rather than
20 have everybody surprised by reading the media
21 announcements or whatever.

22 MR. PENN WILSON: That was a good
23 idea.

1 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: So, we spent some
2 time this morning talking about those kind of things
3 with some of our community leaders and so on. They
4 were (inaudible) members, whatever. So, you should
5 start hearing, like I say, those announcements. So,
6 that's all -- that all goes with the MEC.

7 We have mobilized, obviously,
8 Tetra Tech. Foster Wheeler's mobilized here. And
9 they're in the process of getting themselves set up
10 to -- we've had to relocate an explosive magazine to
11 another location. And so, weather has played an
12 impact. We've had some issues with it, as far as the
13 rain and so forth and so on. But it's getting there.
14 So, things are starting to move out pretty quick
15 there.

16 The installation restoration
17 program, again, you can see all of the remedial
18 investigations we've got going. As I mentioned just a
19 minute ago, the metals are the primary contaminant
20 that you run into. And it's typically the metals that
21 are associated with small arms range.

22 In the 24 Alpha area, which was the
23 former chemical training area, much like the

1 National Guard folks have encountered out at
2 Pelham Range, what you're looking at is VOCs, such as
3 benzene, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform and so
4 forth. And a lot of those are probably some sort of
5 (inaudible) products or something from the decon
6 agents and stuff that were used out there, in all
7 probability. You tend to see them associated with
8 that area.

9 And, again, our plan is to, in some
10 of these selected sites, to go in and start doing lead
11 removals, as well, as soon as we're finished with the
12 MEC on some of these.

13 I already mentioned -- I jumped out
14 of sequence on the eastern bypass and on the track
15 three transfer. And I think that's going to be moving
16 out very well.

17 The water site's transfer -- again,
18 this is the twenty-three acres that I mentioned
19 earlier. And that's just a -- it goes to John's
20 question about whether the legislation passes the MDA
21 and so on. We're ready to go with that. And just put
22 those on hold until that sorts itself out.

23 And if it doesn't -- if it does not

1 pass some time in relatively short order, then I'm
2 sure that Jim and I will address the issue once again
3 with the county, see if they want to do (inaudible).

4 So, that's about all I've got.

5 MR. GENE HOWARD: Is there any
6 concerns with the Anniston City Councilman who says he
7 has fictitious grants that shows that this belongs to
8 the Indians? Has that shifted down to this area, yet?

9 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Not to my
10 knowledge. And quite frankly, the Department of the
11 Interior is the property owner, if you will. We're
12 responsible for the cleanup, so, basically, I guess
13 I -- if that happens, I'll call Steve Miller and wish
14 him luck, and we'll see.

15 You know, I mean, I think that the
16 DOI probably has quite a bit of experience in dealing
17 with various tribes and so on and so forth, so --

18 MR. GENE HOWARD: Well, we have no
19 concern about it.

20 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: It's not in --

21 MR. GENE HOWARD: It seems to be a
22 publicity ploy.

23 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I don't know.

1 But I don't think it will impact our

2 cleanup operations or anything along those lines.

3 MR. JIM MILLER: Well, I've informed

4 him that I'm part Cherokee, so I want a small portion.

5 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Well, actually, I

6 think so is Steve's wife, so --

7 MR. JIM MILLER: We're all blood

8 brothers.

9 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Anyway, that's

10 it. To my knowledge, though, to answer your question,

11 I don't think that will have any impact on operations,

12 at least not in the foreseeable future.

13 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Does the

14 Pelham Range fall under the Depot --

15 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: National Guard.

16 DR. JOHN SPAIN: National Guard?

17 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Uh-huh.

18 DR. JOHN SPAIN: So, they're

19 responsible for the -- is there any cleanup activity

20 there?

21 MS. KAREN PINSON: Yeah.

22 DR. JOHN SPAIN: That's --

23 MS. KAREN PINSON: That's what --

1 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: That's what Karen
2 was talking about.

3 DR. JOHN SPAIN: I heard today that
4 the MP school is moving back to Pelham Range. Is
5 there any substance to that rumor?

6 MR. PENN WILSON: I haven't heard
7 that.

8 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Great rumor. We
9 haven't heard anything.

10 MR. PENN WILSON: Coming out of
11 Leonard Wood back to here?

12 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I would doubt it.
13 Most of those actions nowadays, these relocations and
14 so forth, have been captured under the BRAC process.
15 And so, if you think back a couple of years ago, when
16 they announced the BRAC 2005 -- you know, those of us
17 that have suffered through many of those rounds, if --
18 we realize now that -- you notice, this one was kind
19 of relocation heavy, as opposed to closure heavy.

20 The last one, the '95 round, was the
21 previous to last one, which we got caught up in,
22 Fort McClellan did, and that had more closures.

23 This time, the 2005 round has mostly

1 kind of reserve centers, guard sites and so forth, as
2 far as closures go. But there is a lot of units in
3 kind of reshuffling of the force, as the force is
4 reorganized and so forth.

5 And so, typically, that's where the
6 for-sure property disposals, real property disposals,
7 the DOD said we would continue to do it through the
8 BRAC process. And you're going to see a lot of
9 movements of units occur like that, too.

10 But I don't -- we've certainly not
11 heard anything specific about that. Would be awful
12 expensive.

13 MR. PENN WILSON: I was involved in
14 moving a lot of that stuff up there under BRAC, and I
15 lived up there for a year and a half at
16 Fort Leonard Wood, and it's hard for me to --

17 MR. JIM MILLER: This is the
18 government we're talking about, just for the record.

19 MR. PENN WILSON: It's hard for me
20 to imagine the politicians in Missouri allowing a
21 chunk of the maneuver support center to come back.

22 MR. JIM MILLER: Gephardt's gone now.

23 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: Politicians

1 in Alabama allowed it to be moved in the first place.

2 Is the Guard going to move anymore
3 units in?

4 MS. KAREN PINSON: I don't know
5 about those kinds of things, you know.

6 MR. PENN WILSON: Ike Skelton is the
7 chairman of the house Armed Services Committee now. I
8 just don't believe -- I can't imagine that happening,
9 But it may, but I --

10 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: It's all about
11 seniority, you know. Nichols and Heflin went,
12 seniority went. We got it. It's how it works.

13 MR. PENN WILSON: Good question,
14 Dr. Spain.

15 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Well, I heard it
16 from a -- not a casual source, but it didn't sound
17 realistic to me.

18 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: That's the first
19 we've heard of it. So, we've heard it first here.

20 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Okay.

21 MR. PENN WILSON: Thank you, sir.

22 Anyone else have questions for the
23 Army?

1 That was a good presentation,
2 Mr. Bolt.

3 The contractor report?

4 MR. RON GRANT: You all haven't
5 asked me to review any documents or make any
6 presentations since the one on the function of a RAB.
7 I will remind you that the TAPP contract was -- you
8 know, began to be effective on 17 July 2008, and it
9 expires 16 July 2009. If the next RAB meeting goes as
10 scheduled, the contract will expire four days before
11 the RAB meeting.

12 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Well, let me
13 address that. The funding request went up last
14 Friday. I keep having to ask Lisa.

15 MS. LISA HOLSTEIN: Last Friday.

16 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: The 17th of April
17 for all the remaining outstanding -- these type
18 things. And TAPP funding was part of that, as well.
19 So, we anticipate that it will be here in plenty of
20 time.

21 DR JOHN SPAIN: Would this just
22 automatically renew without any further action?

23 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I don't remember

1 what the period -- what's the period of performance on
2 your contract, Ron, do you remember?

3 MR. RON GRANT: It's one year.

4 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Is it one year?
5 But is it renewable for what? I don't think they're
6 crazy enough to rebid it every year.

7 MR. RON GRANT: Yeah, I think
8 it's -- you know --

9 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: But --

10 MR. RON GRANT: -- it started off
11 like -- you know, the first year, I think it was
12 renewable for three years, but I believe that time
13 frame is up now.

14 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: We'll have to
15 look into it, but I think -- no, we redid it when we
16 did this one most recently. So, odds are, there's
17 probably a period of performance on there, the
18 function of executing an additional (inaudible) or
19 something. We'll look into it.

20 MR. PENN WILSON: Any questions for
21 the contractor? Do you have anything else?

22 MR. RON GRANT: No, nothing, no
23 other comments.

1 MR. PENN WILSON: Okay. Any
2 questions of the board members? Okay. Thank you,
3 sir.

4 And the next topic is upcoming
5 programs requested by the RAB members. There is
6 three; update on the status of McClellan property,
7 City of Anniston's vision for the use of McClellan;
8 and invite the Anniston mayor to speak. Does anyone
9 have anything to --

10 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Could I ask a
11 question --

12 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I --

13 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I'm sorry.

14 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: It's okay.
15 I need you to talk about it to see, you know, and kind
16 of be specific. And if somebody's going to write a
17 letter to the mayor, which one you want to do first.

18 We've been trying to do these, but
19 I'm kind of -- I'm not really sure what you want to do
20 for the -- you know, like update on status of
21 McClellan property, exactly what you want to know. Or
22 is it more than what you're getting with the --

23 MR. GENE HOWARD: I have a

1 suggestion. Why couldn't we, for the sake of the
2 board and for the sake of the community, too, invite
3 the mayor -- get the mayor sitting (phonetic)
4 here -- invite those people who are important to those
5 decisions, to let them come and make a presentation to
6 the board and to the media about their vision for
7 Fort McClellan -- I mean, for McClellan. I mean, you
8 could -- John --

9 DR. JOHN SPAIN: One of the things
10 that the MDA has recently done is they have hired a
11 consultant that has made a presentation about the
12 future of McClellan. And I know that Robin Scott has
13 gone about making a portion of that presentation to
14 others in the community.

15 I think that we could either get him
16 to make that same presentation to us, or we could get
17 the consultant -- she is here quite a bit -- to make
18 that presentation to us -- or both of them to make the
19 presentation to us.

20 What is unfortunate about that -- in
21 getting such a presentation made, is that the -- it's
22 three more months before we have another meeting. So,
23 if we want to have a bit longer meeting, we might

1 allow them to make their presentation on the vision
2 and then allow the mayor to make a shorter
3 presentation and comment on his support of that vision
4 or if he's at odds with it or whatever the case might
5 be.

6 So, we might lump that into one
7 larger program so that it makes more context sense --

8 MR. GENE HOWARD: I see value for
9 the community. There has been a lot of rattling
10 around, in the mind of the community -- well, there's
11 a lot of good stuff been going on -- but there is a
12 thought in the community that nobody knows what's
13 going on out here. I'm not being critical, I'm just
14 giving you a viewpoint.

15 And if a coherent program could be
16 presented with the media being here, the Star, whoever
17 wanted to come, I think it would help you. Now, at
18 least it would address some of those concerns.

19 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: I might
20 suggest that because of the status of the bill that's
21 sitting in Montgomery, that the update on the status
22 of McClellan property might be a little premature
23 until that bill has either been passed or denied. To

1 come in and have a presentation on it now, and then
2 something happen different, whomever was presenting
3 might be awful red faced.

4 MR. JIM MILLER: We've only got
5 about another week or two --

6 MR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: Yeah.

7 MR. JIM MILLER: -- of this
8 legislative session.

9 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: I still think
10 it's appropriate to wait until we have that passed
11 before we -- and then the City of Anniston's vision
12 for the use of Fort McClellan, I think that also
13 dovetails onto what happens with the -- I know that
14 John and I both frequent the MDA meetings often. And
15 in terms of the visions, as John said, there has been
16 a consultant hired by MDA. But I think it would be
17 appropriate for the chairman -- John, what do you
18 think about Ronnie Smith?

19 DR. JOHN SPAIN: That would work, as
20 well.

21 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: Because he's
22 the -- right now, he's sort of holding the bag on
23 what's -- about the property out here at

1 Fort McClellan. But in the last meeting he made the
2 statement -- and I quote -- "We can't really talk
3 about this until the bill is either passed or it does
4 not pass, because we don't know what's going to
5 happen."

6 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Let me interject
7 a cautionary note here. And that is the purpose of
8 the RAB. Okay.

9 Remember, you know, one of the
10 things that has to be kept in mind -- okay. There is
11 a couple of things. And we're kind of skirting -- I
12 don't have any problem with presentations along these
13 lines, but we need to be mindful of what the role of
14 this RAB is. And the primary reason for the RAB is
15 the Army responsibilities and the National Guard, in
16 fact, uses this RAB, too, as part of their community
17 involvement program, as well. Okay.

18 The MDA, county, however you want to
19 call them right now, the MDA has quote a "separate",
20 if you will, community-involvement program. And they
21 use -- I can't remember what meeting they use for
22 that. Somebody help me out. I know Miki's told us
23 before.

1 MS. MICHELLE KLOMP: (Inaudible.)

2 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Anyway. So, they
3 do have a separate meeting that they use for that
4 purpose.

5 So, we just need to kind of keep
6 ourselves somewhat, you know, in our lane, if you
7 will. We're getting kind of close to the shoulder of
8 the road there. But, you know -- and I
9 reckon -- particularly -- and I bring that up
10 particularly because we know that there's obviously
11 been a lot of discussions in the community and so on
12 and so forth. And so, this may not be the most
13 appropriate forum for that. I'm not going to speak
14 for Robin --

15 MR. GENE HOWARD: For a vision?

16 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Pardon?

17 MR. GENE HOWARD: For our vision
18 presentation? This will not be --

19 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I think it's okay
20 to have that presentation, but I don't think you want
21 to go a whole lot beyond that, because it goes beyond
22 the scope of the purpose of the RAB is where I'm
23 coming from.

1 MR. GENE HOWARD: You know, that
2 would -- my -- it would serve a community purpose, if
3 you could -- if you could get close to it and talk
4 about what the vision for this property was. It
5 doesn't have to be exact.

6 And by the way, that bill is held up
7 by the trial lawyers who don't want any caps on the
8 ability to sue people on the board.

9 You know, that's just an idea, if
10 we're going to serve the -- serve the community.

11 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Well, I'm not
12 arguing with that, again. But it has a fairly
13 specific method by which we do it on the RAB is all.
14 Again, I don't see a lot of harm or problem with that
15 kind of a presentation.

16 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: I think her
17 question -- or the reason for this is what do we want
18 to do next? What does this board want -- we can't do
19 all three of them at one time. So, what is the wishes
20 of this board to do next? Are there any other --

21 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: For other
22 programs.

23 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: -- subjects?

1 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: And if you
2 don't want to do any of these three right now, you
3 want to hold off until it kind of settles down a
4 little bit, is there something else that you want? I
5 mean, you know, we don't have to have a program every
6 time, but I'm just -- I just want to kind of know what
7 you want to do, because I'm not really sure what to
8 schedule.

9 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: One thing that
10 might be appropriate -- and I don't know the
11 availability of the folks from the Refuge, because --
12 the only reason Steve Miller is not here, the Refuge
13 manager, is he unfortunately has a conflict. He's got
14 to be at -- I want to say Cahaba or someplace sometime
15 soon.

16 Anyway, that may have changed. I
17 hadn't followed up on that. If they switched their
18 meetings out after the first of the year, back in
19 February. I will have to look.

20 One thing that might be appropriate
21 is a very similar thing from the Refuge folks, and the
22 Department of the Interior folks, and what is their
23 intent, you know, what's kind of their vision, their

1 plan, as you look at the Refuge, as it moves up and
2 down the road. So, that might be something.

3 MR. PENN WILSON: Do you think you
4 could get somebody in --

5 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Steve will really
6 appreciate me volunteering him for that.

7 MR. PENN WILSON: I don't mean to
8 put it on you, but I mean, you think that person --

9 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: We could
10 certainly look at that and give him a call. I mean,
11 I'm sure Steve will be willing to, if we can just find
12 the -- schedule for him.

13 MR. GENE HOWARD: Let's keep what
14 we've got on the agenda, if it's all right. And if
15 you want to, you know, preempt what's here with
16 something else.

17 But, John, could we continue this
18 stuff from your viewpoint?

19 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Well, these are all
20 good things. I would also like to hear from the
21 Department of the Interior.

22 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: I would, too.

23 DR. JOHN SPAIN: I think -- and the

1 mayor would be happy to come out here and speak to us
2 at any time.

3 MR. PENN WILSON: Yeah. Oh, yeah.

4 DR. JOHN SPAIN: I can tell you that
5 for sure. So, one of the things that we
6 could -- could do is we could, you know, tentatively,
7 schedule one of these other things that we might not
8 be able to get. And if we're not able to get that,
9 then we could ask the mayor to fill in.

10 Personally, I -- as you know, I
11 believe we should have a program at each meeting. If
12 we're going to come all the way here, it's good to
13 learn about something that's going on and try to keep
14 us refreshed and trained and at least have an
15 understanding of what we're about.

16 And your comments are certainly well
17 made about -- you know, I know sometimes I tend to get
18 off track with respect to our focus and what the
19 actual purpose of the RAB is, you know, and to broaden
20 that scope somewhat. But --

21 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: If this is
22 appropriate, I would like to make a motion to leave
23 these on the calendar, but make a motion for the

1 Interior people to come in and speak to us at the next
2 meeting.

3 MR. GENE HOWARD: Second.

4 MR. PENN WILSON: So, we have a
5 motion and we have a second. Anymore discussion? All
6 in favor? Please, raise --

7 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Let me -- I would
8 certainly like to just amend that a little bit. If we
9 can get that person, then we go ahead and ask the
10 mayor as a backup to come and speak to us.

11 MR. GENE HOWARD: That would be
12 the first alternate.

13 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: So, that
14 really -- never mind. I was going to say, go to work.
15 Get your speaker.

16 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: Like I say, an
17 opportunity to sign Steve up for this, he'll love it.
18 He'll appreciate it.

19 MR. PENN WILSON: I believe that
20 sounds worthwhile to me. And some of this stuff on
21 this -- on these three things, I believe it's good to
22 let things settle down a little bit before we -- as
23 you ladies and gentlemen have explained very well.

1 So, we have a motion and we have a
2 second. All in favor, raise your hand. Any opposed?
3 Motion carries. Thank you.

4 MR. SCOTT BOLTON: I will
5 contact -- we'll get a hold of Steve Miller and the
6 refuge manager to see what -- I don't think there will
7 be any problem with Steve. We'll probably be able to
8 come up with something.

9 MR. PENN WILSON: Any comments from
10 the audience?

11 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: I make a
12 motion we adjourn.

13 MR. PENN WILSON: Motion to adjourn.

14 MR. JEROME ELSEY: Second.

15 MR. GENE HOWARD: Second.

16 MR. PENN WILSON: And a second.

17 Everybody please stand up and we're adjourned.

18 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.)

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